Herb Gedney: After high school I received a convertible car with a gas card. And a year later after many run ins with my father about the use of the car and the neighbors complaining, he took me down to the recruitment office and I enlisted. I was in the artillery at first for a year. I went in December 1938 ... I was awarded Private First Class in December 1938. I guess I went in early, probably June or July. I was in Headquarters Battery, 79th Field Artillery and we had the big guns – 179 mm cannons.